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SUBJECT: DAS KROL REQUESTS MEETINGS WITH UN OFFICIALS IN
NEW YORK

¶1. (U) George Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs responsible for Central Asia, requests mission's assistance in arranging a one - day program in New York during the week of September 8 primarily to meet with relevant UN and mission officials to discuss Central Asian affairs. In particular, DAS Krol would appreciate USUN arranging an appointment with UN Under Secretary General for Political Affairs B. Lynn Pascoe to discuss the looming food, energy, and financial crisis in Central Asia and what steps the UN may be considering to deal with it. DAS Krol has held extensive discussions on the subject in the region and has chaired interagency meetings devoted to focusing USG efforts to address the matter. DAS Krol would appreciate meetings with other UN officials the mission might consider relevant, as well as with mission elements that deal with Central Asian issues. DAS Krol is open to meeting with Central Asian missions to the UN, if mission deems such meetings appropriate and useful.

¶2. (U) DAS Krol will have just returned from a visit to Turkmenistan and would be prepared to travel to New York as soon as September 9. DAS Krol would intend to take the train up and back for the one day and is in no need of accommodation assistance. While in New York, DAS Krol would also like to obtain UNGA credentials in case his participation would be required at any bilaterals with Central Asians during the UNGA.

¶3. (U) DAS Krol should be known to U/S Pascoe as they worked together when Krol was in the S/NIS office.

¶4. (U) DAS Krol's biography follows:

Krol was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary in the South and Central Asian Affairs Bureau in April 2008. Prior to this appointment, he taught on the faculty of the National War College. His last foreign assignment was as Ambassador to Belarus 2003-2006. Krol served as Political Minister Counselor in Moscow, Director of Russian Affairs, Special Assistant at large for the New Independent States and had previous foreign postings in Minsk, Kiev, Saint Petersburg, New Delhi, and Warsaw.

¶5. (U) Please provide name and contact for control officer. State POC for Ambassador Krol's visit is Turkmenistan Desk Officer Rick Snelsire, tel. 202-647-9031.
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